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1. The Amendment filed after allowance of all claims (i.e., after *Ex parte Quayle* action) is treated in a similar manner to an amendment after final rejection since the prosecution on the merits is closed. See MPEP 714.14.

2. The reply filed on August 15, 2005 does not place this application in condition for allowance since the replacement drawings filed on August 15, 2005 have been disapproved for the reasons set forth below.

3. The period for reply expired on the date set forth in *Ex parte Quayle* action on June 17, 2005 (i.e., August 17, 2005 was the expiration date). EXTENSION OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

4. The drawings were received on August 15, 2005. These drawings are unaccepted by the Examiner because of the reasons, e.g., listed below:

(a) Applicant's brackets that surround *only* the label "FIG-3" in cancelled figure 3 are improper. Since the brackets surround only the label "FIG-3," thus, it implies that only label "FIG-3" has been canceled. This is not the case. The prosecution history shows that the entire original figure 3 has been canceled. Therefore, the brackets have to surround the whole figure 3 to cover all of the structural elements shown in Fig. 3. Please see MPEP 1413 and 37 CFR 1.173; and

(b) Figs. 3A and 3B are not identified by the word "NEW" at the *bottom* of these figures. Similarly, canceled Fig. 3 is not identified by the word "CANCELLED" at its *bottom*. Applicant placed these words at the top margin of the drawing sheets instead at the bottoms of the figures. Please see MPEP 1413 and 37 CFR 1.173 *supra*.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vinh T. Luong whose telephone number is 571-272-7109. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor, can be reached on 571-272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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